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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

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The Senate met at 9:28 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we claim Your promise, "I will not forget You. See, I have inscribed You on the palms of my hands."—Isaiah 49:16. So with confidence we pray the ancient Hebrew childhood prayer, "Father, into Your hand I commit my spirit."—Psalm 31:5. As we pray that prayer we get ourselves off our own hands and into Your strong and competent hands. We take each of the fears in our jumbled mass of worries and concerns and surrender them to You. You have promised to keep us in perfect peace if we allow You to keep our minds stayed on You. Interrupt us when we get too busy and remind us that we are here to serve You. When we forget You, remind us that You never forget or forsake us. May that awesome assurance steady our course and fill our sails with the wind of Your power. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is now recognized. Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, pursuant to the consent agreement reached last

night, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 107 regarding Taiwan, with a rollcall vote occurring immediately after I give a brief statement on the resolution.

Following that vote, the Senate will be asked to turn to any other Legislative or Executive Calendar items that have been cleared for action. However, no further rollcall votes will occur during Friday's session of the Senate.

As a reminder to all Senators, a cloture motion was filed on the motion to proceed to the private property rights legislation. That cloture vote will occur on Monday, July 13, at 5:45 p.m.

As a final announcement, there will also be a joint meeting of Congress on Wednesday, July 15, at 10 a.m. to receive an address by the President of Romania.

I thank my colleagues for their cooperation on the schedule, including getting the higher education bill passed last night.

### AFFIRMING THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENTS TO TAIWAN

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ALLARD). Under the previous order, the Foreign Relations Committee is discharged from Senate Concurrent Resolution 107, and the Senate will now proceed to its consideration, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 107) affirming the United States commitments to Taiwan.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I am pleased the Senate is about to vote on S. Con. Res. 107, introduced by Senator TORRICELLI, myself and many others earlier this week. This resolution was necessary to address the uncertainty created by President Clinton's remarks in Shanghai on his recent trip to China.

Our resolution reaffirms our commitments to Taiwan as spelled out in the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act. That act is the law of the land. Successive Presidents have reached bilateral agreements with the People's Republic of China, but they have never been submitted to the Senate for ratification. They are not binding on the United States. The Taiwan Relations Act is.

It is unfortunate the President chose to lay out a new course on Taiwan—unfortunately it was done in Shanghai, unfortunately it was done without any consultation with Congress, and unfortunately it was done without consultation with the democratic government of Taiwan.

It is also unfortunate the President did not apparently even seek to get China's leaders to renounce the use of force against Taiwan. Instead, he said exactly what Beijing wanted to hear.

One likely effect of the President's statements is to strengthen the voices in Taiwan seeking full independence. While seeking to please Beijing, he has strengthened those in Taiwan who argue the United States cannot be trusted as an ally.

President Clinton's statements have emboldened Beijing in its efforts to intimidate Taiwan. A Chinese official told Taiwan to "face reality." The

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